

# HOLY TRINITY B R U S S E L S

Trinity 15 12 September 2021

#### Worship this week

#### Sunday 12 September, 2021

- 9:00 Holy Communion Paul Vrolijk
- 10:30 Holy Communion & Baptism Paul Vrolijk

#### Zoom; YouTube

14:00 Service of the Word John Wilkinson

#### YouTube

18:00 Service of the Word Heather Roy

#### Zoom; YouTube

Contact our Children's and Youth worker Anna Zödi for more details about children's and youth activities.

#### Wednesday 15 September, 2021

#### 12:30 Holy Communion

Jonathan Halliwell

Recordings of services will be available from Monday morning onwards on our YouTube channel.

## Our readings this week

**Isaiah 50:4-9a** The Lord's servant speaks words that are God's words. He can do this because he is first a listener to God, one instructed by him. He is more impressed by God's truth than by the reaction of men, with the courage to speak the truth even when it brings human wrath. Christians see Jesus' fearless obedience as a fulfillment of this passage.

**Psalm 116:1-8** When a child is in trouble, it cries to its mother or father for help. When the person who wrote the psalm cried to God for help, he found that he was rescued from disaster. His cry showed that he was God's child, determined to keep close to God, to be his servant. Who we call on reveals who we really are.

James 3:1-12 James urges us to guard our tongues, for they have great power to work great ill or great good, blessing or cursing. The tongue is like the rudder on a ship, with the power to direct, to make or to unmake our lives. Teachers are warned above all others. Even a small spark of evil from the tongue can work great mischief.

Mark: 8:27-end Jesus asks what people say about him and his question draws forth different responses. Peter's courageous declaration marks a critical stage in Jesus' ministry. But the great apostle, like the rest of us, has a mind that even at its best is only partly submissive to God. He has to learn from the servant of Isaiah, and the psalmist, that obedience to God must go the whole way, even when that leads to rejection by others. Peter and James learned the lesson. So must we.

#### Pointers for prayer

- What we say reveals us, as much as it affects others. What does my speech disclose about me?
- Are we prepared to be instructed by God and to make the effort of listening to him?
- Pray for God's grace to guard against the malicious or foolish word and to have the courage to utter the word that sustains the weary.
- Pray that Christian teachers and leaders may have the courage to speak God's timely word and may be protected from pitfalls.

#### **Confirmation Service**

We will be holding a Confirmation Service in October this year. If you would like to be confirmed or to know what this involves, please contact <u>admin@holytrinity.be</u> and one of our clergy will respond to you.

Flowers If you would like to sponsor the flowers that decorate the church each week, whether in memory of a loved one, celebration of a special event or thanksgiving for answered prayer, do sign up on the calendar in the lobby or contact Carol de Lusignan directly via email (carol.delusignan@skynet.be) . The Flower Team would

greatly appreciate this support of their ministry.

## Welcome to Holy Trinity!

**Please continue to reserve a place to attend any Sunday services** (not counting children aged 12 and under). This can be done through your My ChurchSuite account or the <u>church website calendar</u>. You can also message/Whatsapp +32 460 950449 or email <u>admin@holytrinity.be</u> and we will make a reservation for you.

The following measures are in place to keep us COVID-safe in church:

- \* Keep 1,5m distance at all times.
- \* Use the alcohol gel when you enter church.
- \* Masks are obligatory for everyone.
- \* Soft singing is allowed beneath masks.

**'Hybrid worship'** (following and participating in the service in church and online) will continue for Sunday services at 10:30, 14:00 and 18:00.

At this morning's 10:30 service we will be baptizing **Assana Nebie**. We welcome her into our Christian family.

### Creationtide begins on 19 September until 4 October

Here are some ways you could participate:

- Join us for services focused on Creation
- Follow our prayer prompts on Facebook
- Commit to praying for COP26
- Donate to our Harvest collection, 3 October

Holy Trinity Brussels is now a bronze award winner eco-church! If you would like to join us on our journey from bronze to silver, this is how you could get involved:

- Join our Environment group contact <u>zelie@peppiette.com</u>
  - Volunteer in the garden contact manodoye@gmail.com
- Volunteer in the courtyard contact <u>annie.bolger@holytrinity.be</u>
- Pray with Christian Climate Action Belgium ChristianClimateAction.be

#### To run services in church, we need more hosts!

As we now have increased numbers at services of worship, we must keep everyone COVID-safe! Three volunteers are needed for each service to welcome and direct people, dispense hand sanitizer, maintain social distancing, etc. Training is available and a handy manual is prepared with clear instructions! Please let the office know or email Sunil at <u>asunilj@gmail.com</u> if you would like to help, which services you are available for, and which dates. Thank you!

The office is overstocked with paper. If you would like to buy a pack for your home printer the price is €2.50 per pack of 500 sheets A4 white. Contact the Administrator <u>cathedraladmin@holytrinity.be</u>

#### The Prayer Chain

welcomes requests for prayer for any situation with complete confidentiality. Please contact Janine Vrolijk on janine.vrolijk@gmail.com or Carole Ludlow on <u>celudlow@gmail.com</u>.

Gift account for pledges and donations: The Friends of Holy Trinity Brussels asbl IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187 <u>(new bank account!)</u>

#### Morning and Night Prayer

Would you like to join others at HTB for prayer? Heather Roy is overseeing this ministry and if you have any questions, please email her at <u>heather.roy@gmail.com.</u> Join us at the following links, from Monday to Friday:

•Morning Prayer – 9:00 (<u>Zoom link</u>; Meeting ID 828 0903 6058)

• Night Prayer/Compline – 21:00 (<u>Zoom link</u>; Meeting ID 898 3749 9334)

## Peace & Conflict Transformation We are delighted to be launching this new project via a Zoom conference on 20 September at

**18:00.** A downloadable programme is available in <u>EN</u> and <u>FR</u>. For more info as regards training, please contact <u>admin@holytrinity.be</u> and if you would like to take part in the conference, <u>here is the Zoom link</u> (Meeting ID: 819 1605 7031 Password: 724023).

Please be aware that training for the first English group is limited to 12 places only and **registration closes by the 1 October 2021**.

If you would like to financially support this project, donations can be sent to the **Friends of Holy Trinity Brussels IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187** with the communication 'peace and reconciliation project'

## Do you have an experience to share with the Working Group for Racial Justice?

The Working Group for Racial Justice, Diversity and Inclusion has created the <u>HTB Stories & Suggestions Box</u>. We've gathered a dozen stories so far and would be honoured to hear yours. We hope that this tool for sharing will enable members of HTB to express their stories, experiences, and suggestions related to racial justice which will build up our common life in Christ. To learn more about this initiative, <u>please watch this introductory</u> <u>video</u> by Paul Vrolijk and Jean-Bosco Turahirwa.

**Investment opportunity** The Friends of HTB asbl currently rents a flat at N° 53 Rue Capitaine Crespel where our cleaner, Moses, lives. The owner wishes to sell. If anyone is interested in investing in this property, please contact the agent: Leilt Abebe (Mrs.)Founder & CEO, Do It 4 Me sprl, Relocation & Service Agency, square de Meeus 22a, 1050 Ixelles, E: <u>leilt@doit4me.be</u> T: +32477321923.

Accommodation wanted Waseem Raza, a former member of our congregation needs to return to Belgium around the 15th of September. He is looking for temporary shelter for at least a month until he can find a place of his own. If you can help him, he can be reached at wraza@ctsem.edu Whatsapp: +31 4665 86425.

## **The Wider Church**

**Christian Climate Action Belgium** holds a short reflective online prayer session on the 1st of each month, to pray for climate justice and this year's all-important COP26. The next is on **1 October** at 20:00. All are welcome - please use this link to receive the meeting details.

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